(d) it has been decided to modernise 35 non-metro airports to world class standards in phases with focus on airside and city side development and enhancement of non-aeronautical revenue. These airports are located at Ahmedabad, Amritsar, Guwahati, Jaipur, Udaipur, Thiruvananthapuram, Lucknow, Goa, Madurai, Mangalore, Agatti, Aurangabad, Khajuraho, Rajkot, Vadodara, Bhopal, Indore, Nagpur, Vishakhapatnam, Trichy, Bhunbaneswar, Coimbatore, Patna, Port Blair, Varanasi, Agartala, Dehradun, Imphal, Ranchi, Raipur, Agra, Chandigarh, Dimapur, Jammu and Pune.

(e) and (f) Government has approved proposals for Hyderabad International Airport in Andhra Pradesh and Bangalore International Airport in Karnataka. 'in-principle' approval has also been given for a new airport at Goa. The concerned State Governments have proposed airport at Navi Mumbai and Chakn (Rajgurunagar) near Pune in Maharashtra, Pakyong in Sikkim, Chiehu near Kohima in Nagaland, Itanagar in Arunachal Pradesh, Kannur in Kerala, Halwara near Ludhiana in Punjab.

Development of Khajuraho airport

†571.SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that the land is being acquired from the State Government of Madhya Pradesh free of cost to develop Khajuraho airport and what is the quantum of land acquired so far;

(b) the status of development works like enlargement of airstrip and other construction work after acquisition of land; and

(c) whether the work has been completed, if not, by when the same is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir. 355.66 acres of land has already been acquired.

(b) and (c) Strengthening/extension of runway and associated works have been completed. The works relating to construction of apron to park 5 number of aircraft and construction of isolation bay are in progress and likely to be completed by July, 2007. Tender process has been initiated for construction of a new terminal building to cater to 500 passengers, car park for 300 cars etc. with expected date of completion by 18 months after award of the contract.

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